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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hiroyuki MANABE, et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: ELECTRODE DEVICE

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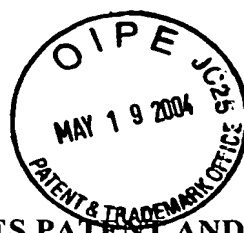
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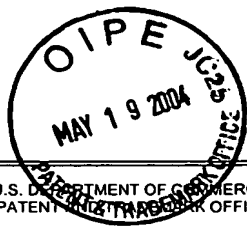
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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

**References AW and AX on Form PTO-1449 are discussed in the specification.**

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